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Subject: FW: Another FY 2016 Budget/Planning Request - Due 3/9 at 10am- FW: TIME-SENSITIVE: DA Request for Evidence-

Based Programmatic and State Snapshots by 3/9

Attachments: Region 8 Accomplishments & Challenges by State_3.4.15.xlsx

Importance: High

Please take a look at the attached table and in the last column (enforcement), please let me know if this is the most compelling story we can tell on behalf of our program. Suzanne wants to review this prior to LT on Monday, so if you could please send my your input by 2pm Friday, it will be greatly appreciated

From: Bielenberg, Ben

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 8:57 AM

To: R8 SLT

Cc: Vuong, Stephanie

Subject: Another FY 2016 Budget/Planning Request - Due 3/9 at 10am- FW: TIME-SENSITIVE: DA Request for Evidence-

Based Programmatic and State Snapshots by 3/9

Importance: High

SLT,

In a continuation of the FY 2016 Budget and Planning materials we developed and submitted last week, the Administrator and Acting Deputy Administrator have requested additional information from Regions and NPMs. Additional details can be found in the HQ note below. In summary, the Region is being asked to provide short, yet descriptive, and compelling stories for the general public. They are requesting 2-3 sentences, identifying accomplishments and challenges in <u>all Region 8 states and our Tribes for the following programmatic areas:</u> (1) Air Quality; (2) Water Quality; (3) Drinking Water; (4) Land Cleanup; (5) Hazardous/Solid Waste Mgmt; (6) Pesticides; (7) Toxic Chemicals; and (8) Enforcement. Only one story per area for all tribes is necessary, not one story per tribe.

Considering the short fuse, we've taken a stab at filling out the chart using RAC/ACS Reporting, FMFIA, Hot Topics, SLT Notes, and anything else we could get our hands on yesterday afternoon and this morning. However, there are still pieces missing that need your attention. Please review the spreadsheet to, 1) add items to those sections missing accomplishments and/or challenges as possible, and 2) review what has already been entered to ensure it reflects our most significant accomplishment or challenge. Significant accomplishments do not need to be limited to those that occurred in FY 2014 or FY 2015.

Please submit your spreadsheet (attached) to myself and Stephanie Vuong (x7824) by <u>10am on Monday 3/9</u>. We will compile and provide to Shaun and Deb by 11am for review and discussion at SLT. Stephanie and I will then make edits and format as necessary to satisfy the request by COB next Monday.

Thank you for your continued assistance with these drills, and please let either of us know how we can help.

Ben X6771 From: Connors, Sandra

Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 12:16 PM

To: EMC Members; Levinson, Sarah; Jencius, Morgan; Gray, David; D'Andrea, Michael; Buhl, Rick; Harmon, Russell; Ripley, Laura; Snyder, Jessica; Beg, Gul; Meni, Reynold; Sterling, Sherry; Miles, Erin; Weckesser, Mike; Cherry, Katrina;

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Cc: EMC Staff Contacts; Rivera, Reiniero; Mcseveney, Megan; Olender, Marc

Subject: TIME-SENSITIVE: DA Request for Evidence-Based Programmatic and State Snapshots by 3/9

Dear EMC and designees:

As presented at yesterday's EMC meeting (<u>link</u>), the Acting Deputy Administrator has asked us to quickly compile compelling, pithy stories incorporating key statistics on accomplishments to date and remaining challenges over the next two years. While the impetus for this arose from recent Congressional budget hearings, we hope to utilize this for a variety of external audiences. Thank you for sending me the name of your designated contact person and we ask you both to quickly gather and provide initial submissions by COB Monday, March 9.

While this request is in part related to the one from the Chief of Staff last week, we've developed a framework for compiling these based on the table that we shared with you yesterday. Those earlier submissions should prove a useful source for completing this exercise and are also housed on the EMC SharePoint (SP) site (link). As an initial matter, we have divided our work into 8 topics: (1) Air Quality; (2) Water Quality; (3) Drinking Water; (4) Land Cleanup; (5) Hazardous/Solid Waste Mgmt; (6) Pesticides; (7) Toxic Chemicals; and (8) Enforcement.

We have given both you and your designee access to the materials referenced here and housed on the EMC SP site (<u>link</u>). This will facilitate real-time data entry and allow you to view submissions as they are entered. We've attached a few draft NPM examples (still subject to further refinement by NPMs), as well as the state example provided in the linked EMC materials for you to draw from as you work on this project.

GUIDANCE FOR ALL SUBMITTALS:

- Present accomplishments and challenges using plain language and statistics to tell compelling stories for the general public.
- Ruthless brevity: 2-3 sentences max for each accomplishment/challenge. (See attached examples.)
- Pull from existing submittals wherever possible.
- Please submit a Word document in SP (<u>link</u>) with all your information. Additionally, due to the short turnaround, we are asking you to copy that information into the appropriate cells for your Region or NPM office on the Spreadsheet in the appropriate tabs (<u>link</u>).

WHAT YOUR OFFICE NEEDS TO DO BY COB MARCH 9:

- NPMs OAR, OCSPP, OECA, OSWER, and OW are asked to provide national-level accomplishments and challenges for the 8 topics. Please limit the national level submissions under each topic to five or less areas to start with. At this time, we are not requesting data from other NPMs but will follow up as needed. To fill in your data, click on the NPMs tab of the Spreadsheet (link) and add information under accomplishments and challenges for the appropriate topic (Air, Water, Etc).
- **Regions** For each state/territory within your region, provide submissions on statewide or territory-wide issues for as many of the 8 topics as possible. (An example of water quality for FL is included in the linked EMC materials). To fill in your data, click on the **Regions** tab of the **Spreadsheet** (<u>link</u>) and add information under accomplishments and challenges for the appropriate topic. Each region (except for R3) also has space to submit a submission for tribes collectively for as many of the 8 topics as applicable.
- OCFO will fill in all rows marked Budget and shaded in Red on the Spreadsheet.

If you have additional questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Rey Rivera at rivera.reiniero@epa.gov or 202-564-1491. We will be forming a small review team to refine the submissions and will be keeping you abreast of changes/new developments as they arise.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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